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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled PIPE JOINT AND SOCKET FOR PIPE JOINT, the specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto.
☐ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____.
☐ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u>			<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
<u>2003-326887</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>September 18, 2003</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Number)	(Country)	(Filing Date)	Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)

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<u>PCT/JP2004/013688</u>	<u>September 17, 2004</u>	<u>Pending</u>
(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status-patented, pending, abandoned)

I HEREBY APPOINT the Practitioners associated with the following Customer Number as my attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and any continuations, divisions, reissues, and reexaminations thereof, to receive the patent(s), to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to act on my behalf before the competent International Authorities in connection with any and all international applications filed by me.

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